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**Decision Record**

**Categorical Exclusion Not Established by Statute  
DOI-BLM-UT-W010-2016-0005-CX**

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**Onaqui Herd Management Area Informational Signs**

**April 2016**

***Location:*** Township 6 South to 10 South, Range 6 West to 9 West, Various Sections,  
Tooele County, Utah

***Applicant/Address:*** Not Applicable

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Based on my review of the Onaqui Herd Management Area Informational Signs categorical exclusion (CX) (DOI-BLM-UT-W010-2016-0005-CX) and consideration of field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the proposal to install three (3) signs on the public access points going to the Onaqui Herd Management Area (HMA) and one (1) pullout area is in conformance with the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP, January 1990) and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

Specifically, it is my decision to install these signs adjacent to existing roads. The sign that is on the eastern side of the HMA (Lookout Pass location) would need a small pullout area created when the sign is installed to allow vehicles to safely pull off the road.

The signs will be placed in a “RockArt” single panel kiosk. The signs will be approximately 4 feet wide by 4 feet tall and will be positioned between 2 end posts and stand 8 feet tall when installed. The end posts will be placed into 2, 10-inch diameter form tubes and securely filled with concrete to stabilize each sign. Each hole will disturb an area of 20 inches by 2.5 feet of soil (6 holes x 20 inches = 120 square inches or 0.84 square feet surface area).

The pullout area will disturb up to 300 square feet of surface area (10 feet by 30 feet). This will be placed along the road in an area where the road is straight and provides a good view in both directions. This will ensure that the public would be able to safely pull back out onto the main route.

The following protective measures will be applied:

- SLFO would have a BLM archeologist on site during installation and construction activities. Should subsurface cultural resources be discovered, installation and construction activities will cease and the authorized officer will be contacted.
- To prevent the introduction of invasive species, all earth-moving equipment and hauling equipment will be washed at a designated area prior to entering the site. If any invasive weeds are located on site due to construction activities, only approved methods will be used to eradicate them.

**Plan Conformance and Consistency:** The proposed action is in conformance with the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pony Express RMP, as amended, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is consistent with the following RMP decisions and objectives:

- Wild Horse Program, Decision 1 (page 34): BLM will continue to manage the herd size of the Cedar Mountain Wild Horse Unit at 273 animals and the Onaqui Mountain Unit at 159 animals.
- Soil Water and Air Program, Decision 1 (page 30): All actions that would involve soil, water and air resources will continue to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis...
- Cultural Resources Program, Decision 1 (page 41): Cultural resources will continue to be inventoried and evaluated on a case-by-case basis....

**Rationale for Decision:** This CX is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the

environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 apply. The Categorical Exclusion Not Established by Statute, Onaqui Herd Management Area Informational Signs categorical exclusion (CX) (DOI-BLM-UT-W010-2016-0005-CX) documents the extraordinary circumstances review conducted by the Salt Lake Field Office.

This project was posted to the NEPA Register on 2/2/2016. Concerns or comments from the public were not brought to the SLFO's attention.

The project will not have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects nor involve unique or unknown environmental risks. Installing informational signs and providing safe pullouts routine action on the public lands.

**Appeal Language:** The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Public notification of this decision will be considered to have occurred on the date signed below. Within 30 days of this decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at the Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South Decker Lake Boulevard, West Valley City, UT 84119.

If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the authorized officer. Instructions for filing an appeal are contained on the attached Form 1842-1.

If you wish to file a petition for stay pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.21(b), the petition for stay should accompany your notice of appeal and shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the Authorized Officer.

A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Regional Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 6201 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1180, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the Authorized Officer and/or IBLA.

/s/ Michael Nelson  
Salt Lake Field Office Manager

04/13/2016  
Date

Attachment:  
Appeal Form 1842-1